

FEATURED WINES

2007 Viridian Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

It was the Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend in 2009.

William Jenks, one of the Pacific Northwest's best-kept secrets, was doing what he does best: playing classical guitar (magnificently, we might add). The venue was Olsen Family Vineyards, maker of Viridian wines, in Oregon's bucolic Willamette Valley. The occasion: the grand opening of the family's tasting pavilion.

As Jenks' music set the mood, a Vinesse wine finder sampled the 2007 Viridian Pinot Noir, which was being released that very weekend. Our wine finder was impressed, and procured a bottle to share with the Vinesse tasting panel. What he needed to know was whether the setting, complete with wonderful classical guitar music, had impacted his assessment of the wine.

Perhaps... but the tasting panel, sans music, backed up his rating of 91 points on a 100-point grading scale. But don't let that stop you from playing your favorite CD (regardless of genre) when the time comes to drink your bottle of Viridian Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

100% Pinot Noir

When to Drink:

Now Through 2012

Grape Source:

Oregon's Willamette
Valley Growing Region

Our Tasting Panel Score:

91 Points

Aromas and Flavors:

Red Cherry, Cranberry,
Raspberry, Blueberry,
Earth, Smoke & Vanilla

This pleasant-drinking wine shows off notes of red cherry, cranberry, raspberry, blueberry, earth, smoke and vanilla.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Northwest salmon, chicken, or Asian fare.

WINE RE-ORDER #: 18893